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ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ A clutch assembly in which a clutch (K1), in order to engage, is pressed together against the force (FKS) of the lining springiness via a lever plate. An additional spring force (FTF), which acts upon the lever plate in an opposite direction, alters the load placed on the clutch actuator whereby enabling it to be adapted to a linear compensating spring in an advantageous manner better than in the prior art. The additional spring force (FTF) is preferably applied by a disc spring, whereby the lever plate itself can be provided in the form of a lever disc spring. On the clutch actuator, a change in the direction of force can be prevented when the spring forces are appropriately matched.